

650—29.1(153) Definitions. For the purpose of these rules relative to the administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia, conscious sedation, and nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia by licensed dentists the following definitions shall apply:

“Antianxiety premedication” is the prescription/administration of pharmacologic substances for the relief of anxiety and apprehension which does not result in a depressed level of consciousness.

“Conscious sedation” is a depressed level of consciousness produced by the administration of pharmacologic substances, that retains the patient’s ability to independently and continuously maintain an airway and respond appropriately to physical stimulation or verbal command.

“Deep sedation/general anesthesia” is a controlled state of unconsciousness, produced by a pharmacologic agent, accompanied by a partial or complete loss of protective reflexes, including inability to independently maintain an airway and respond purposefully to physical stimulation or verbal command.

“Monitoring nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia” means continually observing the patient receiving nitrous oxide and recognizing and notifying the dentist of any adverse reactions or complications.

“Nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia” refers to the administration by inhalation of a combination of nitrous oxide and oxygen producing an altered level of consciousness that retains the patient’s ability to independently and continuously maintain an airway and respond appropriately to physical stimulation or verbal command.